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Ladies and Gentlemen:

The comment period for the Eagle Ridge Ranch Shooting Preserve Environmental Assessment (EA) was from October 4 until October 16, 2000. No comments were received.

All of the pertinent or potential impacts of the project have been reviewed, discussed, and analyzed. Based on the findings of the EA, no significant impacts were established, therefore an EIS in not required. Due to the minor nature and insignificant effects of the proposed action, the EA will be considered the final version of the environmental assessment. It is my decision to approve the 800-acre shooting preserve extension made by the Eagle Ridge Ranch.

Sincerely,

Patrick J. Flowers Regional Supervisor Park